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General Services Administration
Federal Supply Service
Washington, DC 20406

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Dear Mr. Donnelly:

The General Services Administration (GSA) has temporarily raised the monetary limit on the cash purchase of official passenger transportation from \$100 to \$500 (41 CFR 101-41.203-2). This increase will reduce the number of agency requests for exceptions to the cash limit and related workload required in reimbursing travelers for nonemergency cash purchases up to \$500.

To assure that the Government's audit program and contract city pair program are not adversely affected, since both are keyed to Government Transportation Requests/Government Travel System accounts/Government issued charge cards, 41 CFR 101-41.203-2 has also been revised to prohibit Government travelers from using cash above \$10 to circumvent the regulations governing airline city-pair contracts. Accordingly, all cash purchased tickets costing more than \$10 which are used for official travel must now be forwarded to GSA for audit.

In order to ensure that employees comply with these new requirements, we respectfully ask that your internal agency procedures be revised to reflect these regulatory changes. In accordance with 41 CFR 101-41.004, please forward to the Office of Transportation Audits (FW), GSA, Washington, DC 20405, new or revised instructions implementing the enclosed changes to 41 CFR 101-41.203-2.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. W. Piasecki", is written over the typed name.

R. W. PIASECKI
Assistant Commissioner
for Transportation Audits

Mr. William F. Donnelly
Deputy Director for Administration
Central Intelligence Agency
Room 7E18
Washington, DC 20505

Enclosure

EPA will publish a notice in the Federal Register approving any modification under this paragraph (b)(2)(iii).

(iv) For purposes of this paragraph (b)(2), a requested modification of a test standard of schedule for a test required under a consent agreement would alter the scope of the test or significantly change the schedule for completing the test if the modification would:

(A) Change the test species.

(B) Change the route of administration of the test chemical.

(C) Change the period of time during which the test species is exposed to the test chemical.

(D) Result in a delay of over six months in receiving final report of the test.

(3) Where EPA concludes that the requested modification of a test standard or schedule for a test requirement under a consent agreement is not appropriate, EPA will so notify the test sponsor in writing.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

41 CFR Part 101-41

[FPMR Temp. Reg. G-50]

Use of Cash for Official Travel

AGENCY: Federal Supply Service,
General Services Administration.

ACTION: Temporary regulation.

SUMMARY: This regulation temporarily amends the Federal Property Management Regulations (FPMR) by raising the monetary limit on cash purchases of official passenger transportation services from \$100 to \$500. This increase will eliminate the requirement for agencies to request a written exemption from the General Services Administration (GSA) before reimbursing travelers for nonemergency cash purchases up to \$500. Prior to the expiration date of this regulation, GSA will determine whether to make this increase permanent. This regulation also changes the correspondence symbol for submissions to ensure better monitoring and changes agencies' submission requirements concerning cash purchases of passenger transportation services costing more than \$10.

DATES: Effective date: September 30, 1987.

Expiration date: September 30, 1988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
John W. Sandfort, Collections, Accounts,

Transportation Audits, (202) 786-3014 or
FTS 786-3014.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This revised cash policy requires agencies to make Code E submissions of all cash purchases of passenger transportation services costing more than \$10 (§ 101-41.203-2(b)(3)). Also, § 101-41.203-2(a)(1) specifically prohibits the use of cash in excess of \$10 to circumvent the regulations governing the contract airline program.

GSA has determined that this rule is not a major rule for the purposes of Executive Order 12291 of February 17, 1981, because it is not likely to result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; a major increase in costs to consumers or others; or significant adverse effects. Therefore, a regulatory impact analysis has not been prepared. GSA has based all administrative decisions underlying this rule on adequate information concerning the need for, and consequences of, this rule; has determined that the potential benefits to society from this rule outweigh the potential costs and has maximized the net benefits; and has chosen the alternative approach involving the least net cost to society.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act [5 U.S.C. 605(b)], GSA has also determined that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Therefore, no regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

List of Subjects in 41 CFR Part 101-41

Air carriers, Accounting, Claims,
Maritime carriers, Passenger services,
Railroads, Transportation.

Authority: 31 U.S.C. 3726; Sec. 205(c), 63 Stat. 390; 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

In 41 CFR Chapter 101, the following temporary regulation is added to the appendix at the end of Subchapter G to read as follows:

[Federal Property Management
Regulations Temporary Regulation G-
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August 27, 1987.

To: Heads of Federal agencies.

Subject: Use of cash for official travel.

1. **Purpose.** This temporary regulation modifies FPMR 101-41.203-2 by raising the monetary limit on cash purchases of official passenger transportation services from \$100 to \$500.

2. **Effective date.** This regulation is effective September 30, 1987.

3. **Expiration date.** This regulation expires on September 30, 1988, unless sooner revised or superseded.

applies to all Government agencies that are subject to the audit authority of GSA under 31 U.S.C. 3726.

5. **Background.** FPMR Amendment G-72, published May 14, 1985 (50 FR 20101), prescribes the policy and procedures for the cash purchase of passenger transportation services. Normally, the Government Transportation Request (GTR), Government Travel System account, or a Government-issued charge card is used to purchase these services; however, agencies may require travelers to use cash instead of the prescribed methods when transportation services cost more than \$10 but do not exceed \$100. This regulation temporarily raises the cash limit from \$100 to \$500. This regulation also requires the submission of documentation relating to all cash purchases of passenger transportation services exceeding \$10.

6. **Revised policy.** Section 101-41.203-2 is revised to read as follows:

§ 101-41.203-2 Use of cash.

(a) Cash shall be used to procure all passenger transportation services costing \$10 or less, exclusive of Federal transportation tax, and to pay air excess baggage charges of \$15 or less for each leg of a trip (see § 101-41.203-6), unless special circumstances justify the use of a GTR or Government Excess Baggage Authorization Ticket (GEBAT). Agencies have the option of requiring travelers to use cash to procure passenger transportation services from, to, or between points in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, and its possessions or trust territories, where such services cost more than \$10, but do not exceed \$500; exclusive of Federal transportation tax, for each trip authorized on an official travel authorization. GTR's shall be used to procure all passenger transportation services costing in excess of \$500, excluding Federal transportation tax, unless otherwise exempted herein. For the purpose of this subpart, references made to GTR's also apply to Government Travel System (GTS) accounts and Government-issued charge cards. For cash purchased tickets costing more than \$10, ticket coupons, travel authorizations, or SF 1170's shall be forwarded for audit to General Services Administration (FWCPR), Attention: CODE E, Washington, DC 20405.

(1) Approval for the use of cash in excess of \$500 should be obtained prior to travel. In the absence of advance written authorization or approval, passenger transportation services shall be purchased in accordance with

policies and procedures prescribed in the Federal Travel Regulations (FTR), FPMR 101-7. The traveler shall be responsible for any additional costs incurred when cash is used to procure transportation services, such as the use of foreign-flag carriers, first-class travel, or more costly modes, unless such use is approved on the travel voucher in accordance with the governing provisions of the FTR. The traveler should be aware that the use of a GTR may be required to obtain certain discount fares and to comply with the mandatory provisions of FPMR Temporary Regulations (A Series) governing the use of contract airline services between designated city-pairs. Cash shall not be used to circumvent the regulations governing airline city-pair contracts.

(2) Agencies shall not impose a financial hardship on travelers by requiring their use of personal funds to purchase the services set forth in paragraph (a) of this section but should provide the funds through travel advances.

(3) Use of credit cards, other than the GSA contractor-issued charge cards, and all travelers checks to purchase passenger transportation services shall be considered the equivalent of cash and subject to the \$500 limitation provided in paragraph (a) of this section.

(4) Passenger transportation services procured with GSA contractor-issued charge cards or under Government Travel System accounts are not subject to the \$500 cash limitation.

(5) Passenger transportation services procured in accordance with the group or charter provisions of section 1-3.4(2)(a) of the FTR are not subject to the provisions of this subpart.

(b) Under emergency circumstances, where the use of GTR's is not possible, heads of agencies, or their designated representatives, may authorize travelers to exceed the \$500 limitation when procuring passengers transportation services.

(1) Delegation of authority for authorizing and approving the use of cash in excess of \$500 for the procurement of emergency transportation services shall be held to as high an administrative level as practicable to ensure adequate consideration and review of the circumstances. These delegations of authority shall be made in writing and copies retained to permit monitoring of the system. These records of delegations of authority shall be available for examination by GSA auditors.

(2) To justify the use of cash in excess of \$500 instead of GTR's when procuring passenger transportation services, both

the Government agency head, or his/her designated representative, and the traveler shall certify on the travel voucher the reasons for this use.

(3) After the traveler has been reimbursed for an emergency cash purchase in excess of \$10, copies of travel authorizations, ticket coupons, and any ticket refunds applications, or SF 1170's, Redemption of Unused Tickets shall be forwarded for audit to the General Services Administration (FWCP/R), Attention: Code E, Washington, DC 20405.

(4) Travel vouchers shall be maintained by the agency and be made available for site audit by GSA auditors. General Records Schedule 9, Travel and Transportation Records (see 36 CFR 1228.22) provides instructions for the disposal of these travel vouchers.

(c) Under nonemergency circumstances, where use of a GTR is possible, heads of agencies, or their designated representatives, shall request an exemption from the Assistant Commissioner, Officer of Transportation Audits (FW), GSA, Washington, DC 20405, for cash purchases exceeding the \$500 limitation.

(1) Requests shall be made in writing, shall only be for individual travel itineraries, and shall fully explain why an exemption should be granted.

Traveler convenience will not be cause for GSA approval. For the purpose of performing a fare audit, requests shall also include copies of travel authorizations, ticket coupons, and any ticket refund applications, or SF 1170's associated with the travel in question.

(2) Travelers shall not be reimbursed for the nonemergency use of cash to procure passenger transportation services costing more than \$500 unless written approval is granted by GSA.

(d) Suspected travel management errors and/or misroutings which result in higher travel costs to the U.S. Government will be reported by GSA (FWCA) to the appropriate military or civil agency travel manager for corrective action with the violating agency.

(e) Travelers using cash to purchase individual passenger transportation services shall procure such services directly from carriers, travel agents under GSA contract (see § 101-41.203-1), or SATO's and shall account for those expenses on their travel vouchers, furnishing passenger coupons or other evidence as appropriate in support thereof. Moreover, travelers shall assign to the Government the right to recover any excess payments involving carriers' use of improper rates. That assignment is preprinted on the travel voucher and shall be initiated by the traveler.

(f) Travelers using cash to procure passenger transportation services shall be made aware of the provisions of § 101-41.209-4 concerning a carrier's liability for liquidated damages because of failure to provide confirmed reserved space. Also, travelers using cash shall adhere to the regulations of the General Accounting Office (4 CFR 52.2) regarding the use of U.S.-flag vessels and air carriers (see § 101-41.203-1(b)).

Paul Trause,

Acting Administrator of General Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

42 CFR Part 412

(BERC-403-CN)

Capital Payments Under the Inpatient Hospital Prospective Payment System; Correction

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of correction.

SUMMARY: In the September 1, 1987 issue of the Federal Register (FR Doc. 87-20081), beginning on page 33168, we amended the Medicare regulations governing the inpatient hospital prospective payment system to incorporate capital costs into that system. This notice corrects inadvertent errors we made in the preamble and regulations text of that document. We note that the change in the regulations text of 42 CFR 412.92 is necessary because of the interaction of the mandatory language concerning § 412.92 that was issued in the final rule with comment period published on August 14, 1987 (52 FR 30367) and in the subject final rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Fiore, (301) 594-4269.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are making the following corrections to the September 1, 1987 document:

1. On page 33181, in the second column, beginning with the first full paragraph and proceeding through the sixth step of the example ending in the second column on page 33182, the entire day outlier example and the entire cost outlier example are corrected to read as follows:

The following is an example of how additional payment would be